



Red Arrow Brigade
FAMILY UPDATE
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Here's our seventh and final update from Fort Bliss as many of the 32nd Brigade Combat Team units have already shipped out to Kuwait and most of the rest of us will be leaving over the next few days.

It's been a long two months here. Some days were filled with important training we'll need for our missions in Iraq, while other days weren't busy at all and allowed us time for personal business. But now we're ready to start begin our

overseas mission, do it as well as it can be done, and leave Iraq a better place than we will find it.



The photo above shows one of our units departing Biggs Army Airfield at Fort Bliss late last week for the long flight to Kuwait.

**Top 10 things we won't miss
at Camp McGregor**

10. Wind
9. Blowing sand
8. DFAC Cheeseburgers
7. OC spray in our eyes
6. Wind
5. Call to prayer five times daily on the camp's loudspeakers
4. Rabbits everywhere
3. Blowing sand
2. Camp McGregor's sparsely-stocked PX
1. Did we mention wind and blowing sand?

Once we all get to Camp Buehring, we'll get some final training accomplished and get acclimated to the hotter desert conditions in Kuwait for a week or so before we head north over the border into Iraq to begin our missions.

As we prepare to leave southern New Mexico, we leave you with a list of the top ten things we won't miss here.

We thank you for your continued support as we begin the next phase of our mobilization and get ready to start our missions in Iraq. We'll be in touch again shortly after we get on the ground in Kuwait.

— Lt. Col. Tim Donovan
32nd BCT Public Affairs